Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

June 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended June 21, 2008, there were 521,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during June 2008, an increase of 3,600 from May 2008 and 11,200 more than the number employed in June 2007.

Agricultural employment was 42,500 persons in June 2008, down 1,900 from the May 2008 level and 2,800 less than the June 2007 agricultural employment level of 45,300. Non-agricultural employment was 478,600 persons in June 2008. This is an increase of 5,500 from the May 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 473,100 and 14,000 more than June 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for June 2008 was 3.4 percent. This is an decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the May 2008 rate of 4.0 percent and 0.5 percentage points lower than the June 2007 level of 3.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 800 to 539,500 persons in June 2008 from 538,700 persons in May 2008. This is 9,000 more than the June 2007 labour force of 530,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate was 70.4 percent June 2008, unchanged from May 2008. The June 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.7 percent.

There were 18,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during June 2008. This is a decrease of 2,900 from May 2008 and is 2,200 less than the number unemployed in June 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 509,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan in June 2008, up 200 from the May 2008 level of 509,400 and is up 11,700 from the June 2007 employment level of 497,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2008 was 4.0 percent. This is an decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the May 2008 rate of 4.1 percent and 0.4 percentage points lower than the June 2007 rate of 4.4 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 209,600 persons in June 2008 to 17,499,400 persons from 17,289,800 persons in May 2008. In June 2007, there were 17,195,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.6 percentage points to 5.6 percent from the May 2008 level of 6.2 percent. In June 2007, Canada's unemployment rate 5.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.2 percent in June 2008. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than May 2008 as well as 0.1 percentage points lower than the June 2007 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	June 2008	May 2008	June 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,543.7	18,433.9	18,215.2	109.8	328.5
Employed ('000)	17,499.4	17,289.8	17,195.5	209.6	303.9
Full-Time ('000)	14,429.1	14,120.3	14,242.7	308.8	186.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,070.2	3,169.5	2,952.9	-99.3	117.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,044.4	1,144.2	1,019.7	-99.8	24.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	6.2	5.6	-0.6	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.1	6.1	0.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.6	68.6	0.3	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	539.5	538.7	530.5	0.8	9.0
Employed ('000)	521.1	517.5	509.9	3.6	11.2
Full-Time ('000)	432.6	425.3	417.9	7.3	14.7
Part-Time ('000)	88.5	92.1	92.0	-3.6	-3.5
Unemployed ('000)	18.4	21.3	20.6	-2.9	-2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	4.0	3.9	-0.6	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	4.1	4.4	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.4	70.7	0.0	-0.3
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,116.1	2,100.8	2,064.5	15.3	51.6
Employed ('000)	2,056.0	2,022.5	1,995.2	33.5	60.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,724.2	1,694.3	1,688.0	29.9	36.2
Part-Time ('000)	331.8	328.2	307.2	3.6	24.6
Unemployed ('000)	60.0	78.3	69.2	-18.3	-9.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.8	3.7	3.4	-0.9	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.6	3.7	-0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	75.7	75.3	75.3	0.4	0.4
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	642.8	637.7	633.1	5.1	9.7
Employed ('000)	620.7	612.8	608.2	7.9	12.5
Full-Time ('000)	507.3	499.0	496.4	8.3	10.9
Part-Time ('000)	113.4	113.9	111.8	-0.5	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	22.1	24.9	24.8	-2.8	-2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.9	3.9	-0.5	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	4.2	4.5	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	70.2	70.5	0.5	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	June 2008	May 2008	June 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	539.5	538.7	530.5	0.8	9.0
Male	289.3	288.3	286.8	1.0	2.5
Female	250.2	250.5	243.6	-0.3	6.6
15-24 Years of Age	106.4	105.5	103.7	0.9	2.7
25+ Years of age	433.1	433.2	426.8	-0.1	6.3
EMPLOYED ('000)	521.1	517.5	509.9	3.6	11.2
Male	279.3	276.7	276.2	2.6	3.1
Female	241.8	240.7	233.6	1.1	8.2
15-24 Years of Age	100.1	96.2	96.4	3.9	3.7
25+ Years of age	421.0	421.3	413.5	-0.3	7.5
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	18.4	21.3	20.6	-2.9	-2.2
Male	10.0	11.5	10.6	-1.5	-0.6
Female	8.4	9.7	10.0	-1.3	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	6.3	9.3	7.2	-3.0	-0.9
25+ Years of age	12.1	12.0	13.3	0.1	-1.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.4	4.0	3.9	-0.6	-0.5
Male	3.5	4.0	3.7	-0.5	-0.2
Female	3.4	3.9	4.1	-0.5	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	5.9	8.8	6.9	-2.9	-1.0
25+ Years of age	2.8	2.8	3.1	0.0	-0.3
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.4	70.4	70.7	0.0	-0.3
Male	76.5	76.4	77.5	0.1	-1.0
Female	64.4	64.6	64.1	-0.2	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	76.3	75.7	75.4	0.6	0.9
25+ Years of age	69.0	69.2	69.7	-0.2	-0.7

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	June 2008	May 2008	June 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	42.5	44.4	45.3	-1.9	-2.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.6	24.5	21.9	2.1	4.7
Utilities	5.5	6.1	3.9	-0.6	1.6
Construction	35.5	34.1	33.2	1.4	2.3
Manufacturing	31.5	31.3	32.6	0.2	-1.1
Trade	84.4	85.1	82.7	-0.7	1.7
Transportation and Warehousing	23.9	25.3	24.1	-1.4	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.6	28.8	26.4	-0.2	2.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.4	20.0	22.2	0.4	-1.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.3	11.9	12.7	0.4	-0.4
Educational Services	37.1	37.1	41.2	0.0	-4.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	65.5	64.7	61.7	0.8	3.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.5	21.4	21.6	1.1	0.9
Accommodation and Food Services	32.8	31.7	31.2	1.1	1.6
Other Services	22.4	22.8	21.7	-0.4	0.7
Public Administration	29.6	28.4	27.6	1.2	2.0
Total	521.1	517.5	509.9	3.6	11.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	432.6	425.3	417.9	7.3	14.7
Part-Time	88.5	92.1	92.0	-3.6	-3.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	428.1	422.7	418.4	5.4	9.7
Public Sector	130.4	128.8	125.2	1.6	5.2
Private Sector	297.6	293.9	293.2	3.7	4.4
Self-Employed	93.0	94.8	91.5	-1.8	1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	June 2008	May 2008	June 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,499.4	17,289.8	17,195.5	209.6	303.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	237.0	228.9	230.6	8.1	6.4
Prince Edward Island	77.2	74.0	74.4	3.2	2.8
Nova Scotia	469.5	457.8	458.9	11.7	10.6
New Brunswick	381.3	368.7	382.8	12.6	-1.5
Quebec	3,984.3	3,903.0	3,954.6	81.3	29.7
Ontario	6,797.4	6,774.5	6,685.9	22.9	111.5
Manitoba	620.7	612.8	608.2	7.9	12.5
Saskatchewan	521.1	517.5	509.9	3.6	11.2
Alberta	2,056.0	2,022.5	1,995.2	33.5	60.8
British Columbia	2,354.9	2,330.0	2,294.9	24.9	60.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	5.6	6.2	5.6	-0.6	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.0	13.4	11.5	-2.4	-0.5
Prince Edward Island	6.4	8.4	7.1	-2.0	-0.7
Nova Scotia	6.6	8.5	7.4	-1.9	-0.8
New Brunswick	8.1	9.4	5.8	-1.3	2.3
Quebec	6.3	7.2	6.1	-0.9	0.2
Ontario	6.5	6.6	6.3	-0.1	0.2
Manitoba	3.4	3.9	3.9	-0.5	-0.5
Saskatchewan	3.4	4.0	3.9	-0.6	-0.5
Alberta	2.8	3.7	3.4	-0.9	-0.6
British Columbia	4.1	4.7	4.1	-0.6	0.0

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Apr-Jun 2008	Mar-May 2008	Apr-Jun 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.4	9.0	7.4	-0.6	1.0
Halifax	5.6	5.5	5.9	0.1	-0.3
Saint John	6.6	6.6	5.2	0.0	1.4
Quebec	4.7	5.3	4.7	-0.6	0.0
Montreal	7.3	7.6	6.2	-0.3	1.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.2	-0.1
Greater Sudbury	5.5	5.7	5.8	-0.2	-0.3
Toronto	6.8	6.6	6.9	0.2	-0.1
Winnipeg	4.1	4.3	4.9	-0.2	-0.8
Regina	4.0	4.3	4.9	-0.3	-0.9
Saskatoon	4.0	4.1	4.5	-0.1	-0.5
Calgary	3.0	3.0	3.2	0.0	-0.2
Edmonton	3.7	3.9	3.8	-0.2	-0.1
Vancouver	4.3	4.1	4.4	0.2	-0.1
Victoria	2.8	2.7	3.1	0.1	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	154.6	153.8	148.9	0.8	5.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.2	52.8	54.5	1.4	-0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	168.4	165.6	164.3	2.8	4.1
Yorkton-Melville	38.5	38.2	42.4	0.3	-3.9
Prince Albert & Northern	98.2	96.4	94.3	1.8	3.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Apr-Jun 2008	Mar-May 2008	Apr-Jun 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	533.9	528.5	525.4	5.4	8.5
Employed ('000)	512.3	505.5	503.1	6.8	9.2
Unemployed ('000)	21.6	23.0	22.2	-1.4	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.3	4.2	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.2	70.1	0.6	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.9	66.2	67.1	0.7	-0.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	496.2	490.5	485.9	5.7	10.3
Employed ('000)	480.0	473.0	469.1	7.0	10.9
Unemployed ('000)	16.2	17.4	16.9	-1.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.6	3.5	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	69.8	70.5	0.7	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	68.2	67.3	68.0	0.9	0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	37.7	38.0	39.4	-0.3	-1.7
Employed ('000)	32.3	32.5	34.1	-0.2	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.5	5.3	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.4	14.6	13.6	-0.2	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	61.8	62.4	66.1	-0.6	-4.3
Employment Rate (%)	52.9	53.3	57.1	-0.4	-4.2
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	16.2	16.0	15.9	0.2	0.3
Employed ('000)	12.9	12.7	12.9	0.2	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	3.4	3.0	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.2	21.0	18.8	-0.8	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	58.7	58.3	58.7	0.4	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	46.9	46.0	47.7	0.9	-0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	21.4	21.9	23.4	-0.5	-2.0
Employed ('000)	19.3	19.7	21.1	-0.4	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.2	2.2	2.4	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	10.0	10.1	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	64.3	65.8	72.0	-1.5	-7.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.8	59.2	64.8	-1.4	-7.0

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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